

What is the Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant?

The Money Follows the Person Demonstration Grant (the MFP Program) is a special program developed by the federal government that provides participating states (like North Dakota) with funding that the State uses to assist people to leave a nursing facility and move to their own home in the community.

Who is Eligible to Participate in the MFP Program in North Dakota?

The MFP Program is limited to persons residing in nursing facilities who are Medicaid eligible, who have resided in an institutional setting for at least six months, are not severely impaired in cognitive skills for decision making, do not have an Alzheimer's diagnosis, and who meet the requirements for at least one of the following State programs:

- Home and Community Based Services waiver, (Determined to be in need of nursing facility level of care, and Age 16 and over and physically disabled or at least 65 years of age);
- Technology Dependent Waiver, (Determined to be in need of nursing facility level of care, Age 18 and over and physically disabled or at least 65 years of age, Medically Stable, Competent, and Vent dependent at least 20 hrs per day);
- Medically Fragile Children waiver (Determined to be in need of nursing facility level of care, 3 to 18 years of age, Greatest need as determined through a Level of Need ranking process, Requires support for Health & Safety, Needs at least one waiver service quarterly to remain in family home setting, Lives with a primary caregiver capable of self directing services).

Persons who are not Medicaid eligible or who have resided in an institutional setting for less than six months may be assisted with transition from a nursing facility by Centers for Independent Living staff through other programs, as appropriate (contact information on back).

How Does MFP Work?

The MFP Program can assist individuals interested in leaving a nursing facility (NF) by providing:

- Information to help them make an informed choice regarding transition and participation in the MFP Program;
- Access to transition services and assistance from a transition coordinator through North Dakota Centers for Independent Living;
- Payment for some one-time moving costs or activities; (rental deposits, furniture, household supplies) and
- Post-discharge follow-up to ensure the move is satisfactory and the individual's needs are being met.

What Housing Choices Will Money Follows the Person Offer?

The MFP grant will operate throughout the state of North Dakota and will transition individuals into a qualified residence, such as:

- The individual's home or a family home;
- A shared home, where no more than three other (four total) unrelated individuals reside;
- An adult foster care home (AFCH) where no more than three other (four total) unrelated individuals reside;
- An apartment, including those in HUD subsidized housing complexes or congregate housing complexes.

When is the Money Follows the Person Program in Effect?

The MFP program will operate in North Dakota beginning June 20, 2008 and will end September 30, 2011.

MFP will fund services provided to individuals participating in the program for 365 days after transition to the community. After that, individuals will continue to receive needed services from the State without interruption.

If you, or someone you care about, lives in a nursing facility and would like to learn about options available to return to the community please contact your local Center for Independent Living (contact information on back) or Jake Reuter, MFP Program Administrator at 701-328-4090.



Transition Coordination Providers

Dakota Center For Independent Living

3111 East Broadway Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58501
Phone (Voice/TTY): (701) 222-3636
Toll Free: (800) 489-5013
E-mail: dcil@dakotacil.org

Options Resource Center For Independent Living

318 3rd Street NW, East Grand Forks, MN 56721
Phone (Voice/TTY): 218-773-6100
Toll Free: (800) 726-3692
E-mail: options@myoptions.info

Freedom Resource Center For Independent Living

2701 9th Avenue SW, Fargo, ND 58103
Phone (Voice/TTY): (701) 478-0459
Toll Free: (800) 450-0459
E-mail: freedom@freedomrc.org

Independence, Inc. Center For Independent Living

300 3rd Avenue SW, Suite F, Minot, ND 58701
Phone: (701) 839-4724, TTY: (701) 839-6561
Toll Free: (800) 377-5114
E-mail: agency@independencecil.org

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MFP Website <http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/pubs/mfp.html>

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